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Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow

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TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS

Enclosed are the following documents in response the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement mailed November 4, 2004 for the above-identified application:

- ☒ Response to Restriction/Election of Species Requirement
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Other:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the restriction requirement mailed November 4, 2004, a response to which is due on December 4, 2004, the Examiner requested that the Applicants elect one of the following:

- Invention I. Claims 20-37 and 42-43, drawn to a stent, classified in class 623, subclass 23.7; and
- Invention II. Claims 38-41, drawn to a method for placing a medical stent, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

The Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I, which corresponds to Claims 20-37 and 42-43.

The Examiner also requested that the Applicants elect one of the following species:

- Species 1 - Figure 1
- Species 2 - Figure 5
- Species 3 - Figure 7

Species 4 - Figure 14

Species 5 - Figure 15

The Applicants hereby elect Species 4, which corresponds to Figure 14. The Applicants identify at least Claims 20-37 and 42-43 as reading on the elected species. The Applicants also submit that at least some of the above-identified claims are generic.

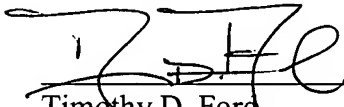
The Applicants do not believe that extensions of time, fees for net addition of claims, or any other fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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